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Collaboration to Tackle Lead Results in New Funding for Wyandotte County

by the Unified Government of Wyandotte County



In early 2017, the Unified Government of Wyandotte County / Kansas City, Kansas Community Development Department approached the UG Public Health Department to collaborate on a Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program (LBPHC) grant application through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The partnership formed through complementary interests: the funding would further the county's broader 'SOAR' initiative to revitalize neighborhoods and would also fulfill a need within the health department for a full-time lead poisoning prevention specialist. At the end of June, HUD announced that

Wyandotte County has been awarded a \$1,500,000 grant for lead remediation as well as \$150,000 in Healthy Homes Supplemental Grant funds totaling \$1,650,000.

Over the 36 month grant period, the program will seek to reduce lead and provide Healthy Homes interventions in 75 housing units in the target area, increase awareness of lead poisoning and prevention through community outreach and education targeted to 2000 parents, children, and community residents annually (6000 total), and build capacity for lead abatement through training of 20 low income residents in lead hazard controls. Funding for the new health department lead position was prioritized in the grant application in order to actively identify children affected by or at risk for lead poisoning and make the best possible use of the remediation funds.

Pawnee County Health Department Receives International Award

by Robin Rziha, Administrator, Pawnee County Health Department



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Pawnee County Health Department received the [2017 International Board Certified Lactation Consultant \(IBCLC\) Care Award](#) for the excellence demonstrated in staffing International Board Certified Lactation Consultants as part of the maternal-child health care team, and for conducting activities that demonstrate promotion, protection, and support of breastfeeding and implementing projects that support high-quality lactation care. The award was a result of the Kansas Health Foundation grant project, LAECT-Action, and the innovative work that has come from this project providing professional lactation education and services to 20 Kansas counties. Pawnee County Health Department was 1 of 13 Community- Based IBCLC Care Award recipients awarded in the U.S. for 2017.

Seeking Volunteers for Private Well Water Pilot Project

by the Kansas Environmental Public Health Tracking Program



The Kansas Environmental Public Health Tracking Program would like to invite county environmental health professionals/sanitararians to participate in a short private well water [survey](#). We are asking for volunteers to give us feedback about what is going on in your local area related to private well water testing. Specifically we are seeking those interested in working with us on a private well water pilot project. So please take a moment to complete the [survey at this link](#) and find out more about what we are doing and why. Visit the Kansas Environmental Public Health Tracking Program's [website here](#) to learn more about the program.

August is National Breastfeeding Month

by NACCHO



August is National Breastfeeding Month, and this year's theme for the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) is "Charting the Course Together." Local public health officials work vigilantly to create and enable breastfeeding-friendly environments in their communities to make breastfeeding an easy option for mothers. NACCHO has developed a Public Health Breastfeeding Webinar series that highlights breastfeeding programs implemented by local health departments. View the [webpage](#) for the archived webinars.

Regional Public Health Meetings - 3rd Quarter Topics Announced

*by Teri Caudle, RN, PHN, Local Public Health Program
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The Regional Public Health Meetings are designed to connect local health departments with programs and best practices that will benefit the work you do within your communities. The third quarter of Regional Public Health Meetings will include a number of valuable presentations. The agenda includes the following topics: Robert Moser, MD, Executive Director for the Kansas Heart Disease and Stroke Collaborative will share about the Kansas Heart Disease and Stroke Collaborative and the role of the local health department; Adam Inman with the Kansas Department of Agriculture will speak on home based operations, fires, floods, power outages, emergency management and food disasters; Zach Stein, KDHE Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics, will discuss syndromic surveillance and the ESSENCE system; and Percy Turner, Wichita State University's Community Engagement Institute, will share an update on the Medicaid Ombudsman Program and the Self Help Network of Kansas. Registration for the third quarter meetings on KS-TRAIN, Course ID #1071439.

The dates and locations for the third quarter meetings are:

- Southwest Region, Garden City, August 9
- Northwest Region, Oakley, August 10
- Northeast Region, Topeka, August 29
- North Central Region, Beloit, September 6

If you have ideas for regional meeting topics or questions regarding the meetings, please contact Teri Caudle at teri.caudle@ks.gov.

Birth and Death Tallies Available in 2016 Rapid Response Annual Tables Release

by Kansas Department of Health and Environment



The Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics has final counts for vital events in Kansas. The information is contained in the Calendar Year 2016 Rapid Response annual tables now available for review via the Fast Stats section of the Kansas Information for Communities (KIC) [website](#). These 25 tables are a collection of Birth, Death, Infant Death, Marriage, and Marriage Dissolutions (Divorce and Annulment) statistics that cover some of the most frequently requested annual vital event information. The tables are available in Excel and PDF formats [online](#).

KDHE Special Health Care Needs Program Hosts Fourth Round of Regional Meetings

by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Special Health Care Needs program is hosting regional meetings to engage agencies and organizations serving Kansas children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) and stakeholders; including parents, caregivers and individuals.

The focus of the meetings will be on developing a state plan that outlines future goals and strategies of the Special Health Care Needs program. The plan will work to strengthen collaboration, support systems integration and improve service delivery for CYSHCN.

The state plan is part of a two-year grant awarded to KDHE focusing on CYSHCN and their families. The primary objective of the grant is to support access for CYSHCN to receive services through an accessible, continuous, comprehensive, coordinated, compassionate, culturally competent and family-centered medical home. This tour is the fourth round of regional meetings, with a distinct focus on Family Professional Partnerships and Insurance and Financing by the CYSHCN population.

Pre-registration is required for these meetings as space is limited. Meeting information and the online registration is available at www.kdheks.gov/shcn/meeting. Meetings will be held from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. on the dates listed below.

- August 15 - Garden City
- August 16 - Hays
- August 24 - Independence
- August 31 - Salina
- September 7 - Wichita

To learn how you can participate, or for more information on the grant project or the regional meetings, please contact Heather Smith, Special Health Services Director, at 785-296-4747 or by email at heather.smith@ks.gov.

A detailed description of how the national standards were developed is available [online](#).

Population Health and Preparedness Statewide Webinar



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) hosts a Population Health and Preparedness Statewide Webinar on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. The next webinar will be August 22. To view minutes from the monthly calls, click the KDHE logo.

KS-TRAIN 3.0 Platform Goes Live in September - The Count Down Begins

by KS-TRAIN



The new TRAIN 3.0 Platform will go live for Kansas learners September 28. The TRAIN 3.0 national site at www.train.org and CDC TRAIN at www.train.org/cdctrain/ went live on January 30. To test the new look of TRAIN 3.0 go to www.train.org and login with your user name and password. There are new features still being moved to production, such as a list view to the calendar, training plans and conferences. These changes will be available before Kansas goes live this fall. New enhancements to the TRAIN learning management system include: mobile-friendly access, allowing learners to use TRAIN on a variety of devices; modern design that is easy to navigate; simplified account creation fields; improved advanced course search; streamlined learning record management, including transcripts and certificates; Increased support, including [video tutorials](#) and easy-to-understand documentation. KansasTRAIN questions can be directed to kdhe.kstrain@ks.gov.

Healthy People 2030 Open for Comment Until September 29

by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is soliciting written comments on the proposed framework for Healthy People 2030 developed by the [Secretary's Advisory Committee](#) on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2030 (Committee). The framework refers to the Healthy People 2030 vision, mission, foundational principles, plan of action, and overarching goals that will guide the selection and prioritization of objectives for Healthy People 2030. Read the full Committee report [online](#).

Public comment is an essential part of developing Healthy People. Members of the public - including individuals, stakeholders, and organizations - are invited to provide comments on the Healthy People 2030 framework for consideration by HHS. This round of public comment will be open until September 29, 4:00p.m. For instructions on how to submit a comment, visit the HHS' [webpage](#).

Cybersecurity Preparedness in Healthcare Organizations

by the Network for Public Health Law



According to the Department of Health and Human Services, the health care industry is now the number one target for cyber attacks. Unauthorized access to health information impedes public health efforts. Understanding the role of cybersecurity is central to managing risks to both the health and public health sector. It is predicted that one in 13 patients in America will be affected by a health systems breach in the next five years. Constant, high profile cases of identity theft and ransomware illustrate the vulnerabilities of our nation's health care data. In 2016, over 27 million patient records were affected by data breaches, costing an estimated \$6.2 billion a year for the industry. Understanding the role of cybersecurity is central to managing risks to health and public health sectors.

If you are needing employee IT cyber security training check out the KS-TRAIN online course, General IT Cyber Security Awareness Training, Course ID# 1070513. This 45 minute online course provides awareness on security requirements and responsibilities required to protect IT systems and data.

Updated Indicators Available

by Kansas Health Matters



Kansas Health Matters brings a variety of community health-related statistical data, local resources, and a wealth of information to one, accessible, user-friendly location. The second quarter indicator updates for Kansas Health Matters are now available for viewing on the [website](#). The indicators have been updated with the most current information available, they are as follows:

- Average Monthly WIC Participation per 1,000 population
- Medicaid Enrollment Rate
- Medicaid Enrollment Rate Under 20
- Percent of Infants Fully Immunized at 24 Months
- Percent of WIC Mothers Breastfeeding Exclusively
- Public Water Supply Coliform Compliance

The Oral Health of Kansas Head Start Children

by Kansas Head Start Smiles for Life



The 2017 [Kansas Head Start Smiles for Life report](#) presents the results of a Kansas Basic Screening Survey, a statewide, nationally recognized oral health survey of children's oral health. Using the survey protocol designed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Association for State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD), the survey collected clinical information on tooth decay among Head Start-enrolled children 3-5 years of age. With Head Start Smiles for Life, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment takes its first in-depth look at the oral health status of a representative sample of HeadStart children throughout the state. During the 2015-2016 school year, a total of 1,443 Head Start children ages 3-5 years received a dental screening at 25 Head Start centers. Head Start children were screened because Head Start is the target preschool population for the National Oral Health Surveillance System. [Read more](#) about the findings and the full report.

Workforce Development Council Recognizes Jerry McNamar

by the Kansas Public Health Workforce Developing Council



The Kansas Public Health Workforce Development Coordinating Council (KPHWDCC) recently recognized Jerry McNamar for his work and ongoing contributions to the Kansas public health system. Jerry McNamar recently retired from his position as the health officer and administrator at Barber County Health Department. During his time at Barber County Health Department, Jerry has continuously worked to strengthen the public health workforce of Kansas, especially the environmental public health workforce. Jerry has been a passionate advocate for environmental public health and its role within the Kansas public health system. Thank you, Jerry, for your dedication to improving the health of all Kansans!

National Rural Health Day is November 16

by KDHE



Over 60 million Americans live in rural and frontier communities. Rural communities are wonderful places to live and work, but these communities also have unique healthcare needs. Today more than ever, rural communities must address accessibility issues, a lack of healthcare providers, the needs of an aging population suffering from a greater number of chronic conditions, and larger percentages of un- and underinsured citizens. Rural hospitals - which are often the economic foundation of their communities in addition to being the primary providers of care - struggle daily as declining reimbursement rates and disproportionate funding levels make it challenging to serve their residents.

That is why the National Organization of State Offices of Rural sets aside the third Thursday of every November - November 16, 2017 - to celebrate National Rural Health Day. First and foremost, National Rural Health Day is an opportunity to "Celebrate the Power of Rural" by honoring the selfless, community-minded, "can do" spirit that prevails in rural America. But it also gives us a chance to bring to light the unique healthcare challenges that rural citizens face - and showcase the efforts of rural healthcare providers, State Offices of Rural Health and other rural stakeholders to address those challenges.

We know there is work to be done, but we also believe there is plenty to celebrate - and we invite you to join the celebration! Learn more about National Rural Health Day and ways to celebrate it [here](#).

Baldrige Appointed as New Director of KDHE's Bureau of Community Health Systems

by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is pleased to announce that Kendra Baldrige has been appointed as the new Director of the Bureau of Community Healthy Systems. Kendra, who has been with the agency since 2007, has been serving as the Director of Special Population Health, Primary Care and Rural Health within the Bureau of Community Health Systems. She had been the Eastern Region Case Manager and then Lead Case Manager for the Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program (KSFHP). Starting in October 2015, she was promoted to be the new Director of Special Population Health which included being the KSFHP Program Director and the State Refugee Health Coordinator. When the Refugee Preventative Health Program transitioned to a private agency in the fall of 2016, Kendra became the state contact for Minority Health as well as the state representative on the Regional Health Equity Council (RHEC). Kendra has a BA in Sociology and a Masters of Social Work, both from the University of Kansas. Kendra can be contacted via e-mail at kendra.baldrige@ks.gov or via phone at 785-296-8113.

Number of Mumps Cases Decreasing in Kansas

by KDHE



As of June 24, 2017, 158 mumps cases have been reported in multiple counties in Kansas; however, the number of cases being reported and testing positive for the mumps virus has significantly decreased. Most mumps outbreaks throughout the state have been declared over and case investigations are being concluded. For these reasons, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) will no longer be updating the [mumps website](#). There are mumps outbreaks still occurring in other states so be advised to assess travel history in persons presenting with parotitis. For any questions, or if mumps is highly suspected in a person, please call the KDHE Epidemiology Hotline at 877-427-7317.

Accreditation Corner

New Tool Available for Determining Essential Core Competencies for Public Health Jobs



The Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice Working to identify competencies for job descriptions or other workforce development activities? A [new tool](#) based on the [Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals](#) is now available to help public health organizations identify high-priority competencies for positions within their organizations. The Core Competencies describe foundational skills desirable for professionals engaging in the practice, education, and research of public health, and for any given job, the critical competencies within the Core Competencies will vary depending on the responsibilities and activities of individuals in that position. This tool introduces a simplified form of the Core Competencies and a process for prioritizing competencies for [job descriptions](#), and includes worksheets and other resources for putting that process into practice. Additional information about the tool can also be found in the [archive of a recent webinar](#) that described the tool and featured a presentation from [Denver Public Health](#), sharing how they have used this process to identify essential Core Competencies for their organization and built upon this work to strengthen important skills within their workforce. For more information or assistance with this tool, please contact Kathleen Amos at kamos@phf.org.

NACCHO Releases Additional QI Resources to Support Roadmap to Culture of Quality



In 2016, the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) conducted a quality improvement (QI) needs assessment to understand how it can improve its resources and identify QI resources gaps. In response, NACCHO is pleased to announce the release of the following new resources as enhancements to the [Roadmap to a Culture of Quality](#):

- [QI Training Compendium](#) – NACCHO conducted an environmental scan of free, online QI trainings and resources for public health staff and compiled them in training compendium. This listing includes webinars, self-paced courses, and training tools for use by leadership, QI leaders, and general staff.
- [QI Self-Assessment Facilitator Guide](#) – facilitator guide is a supplement to the QI SAT and offers step-by-step guidance, stories from the field, example facilitation processes, and tools and templates that can be tailored an agency's specific assessment process.
- [New QI Plan Page](#) – Results of the QI self-assessment should feed directly into the QI plan as the agency advances toward a QI culture. This page offers guidance on developing a QI plan and presents example, high quality QI plans from local health departments (LHDs) across the country.
- [QI Technical Assistance](#) – NACCHO staff are available to provide ad-hoc QI technical assistance (TA) to all LHDs. For example, NACCHO is available to review and offer feedback on agency QI plans, QI projects, or guidance on conducting a QI assessment process. Feel free to reach out with TA requests at accredit-prep@naccho.org.

Preparedness Corner

Healthcare Sector General IT Security Training



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Bureau of Community Healthy Systems has developed and released an online Information Technology (IT) Security Awareness training course on KS-TRAIN. The General IT Security Awareness Training, [Course ID#1070513](#), is a general IT training directed at the healthcare and public health sector entities.

This 45 minute online course provides awareness on system security requirements and responsibilities required to protect IT systems and data. The course will allow attendees to identify potential risks and vulnerabilities associated with information systems. The course will also provide suggested guidelines to protect your organization against attacks on information systems. More information about this course is available on [KS-TRAIN](#). Please contact the Preparedness Program with questions regarding the course at KDHE.Preparedness@ks.gov or 785-296-5201.

Don't Forget to Check Out the Ready Reader

READY READER

The Ready Reader is developed by a taskforce representing emergency preparedness professionals, regulators, and advocacy associations from Kansas concerned with promoting compliance with the new CMS Emergency Preparedness conditions. The newsletters are available at <http://www.kdheks.gov/cphp/providers.htm> and new issues become available on Tuesdays. To receive the newsletter directly when it is released, send an email with your email address to Michael McNulty at mike.mculty@ks.gov.



Pediatrics and Public Health: Working Together to Prepare for Emergencies

Did you know that one in four people in the United States are children? Children represent a considerable portion of our population and they are among our nation's most vulnerable citizens. When a public health emergency or disaster strikes, children are often the most severely affected.

Think back on recent public health emergencies, like the 2009 Swine flu (H1N1 influenza) pandemic, the Ebola outbreak in 2014, the presence of lead in drinking water in Flint, Michigan, and the emergence of the Zika virus in 2016. All of these emergencies had an effect on the health and well-being of children, and they highlight the [unique physical, emotional and social needs](#) of children that require special consideration when preparing for an emergency.

There are many ways you can practice keeping your children safe during an emergency. Check out some of the resources below for ideas on how you can keep your family prepared:

- Make creating your [emergency kit](#) fun. Let your kids pick out some snacks and games and be sure to have a kit at home and in the car!
- Get your kids involved with emergency preparedness with Fred the Preparedness Dog's [coloring book](#), [app](#), or [other activities](#). Alternatively, check out [Ready Wrigley](#) games, coloring pages, and checklists.
- Make and practice [plans](#) for where to go and how to communicate in case of an emergency.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) makes the needs of children a priority at every level of planning for an emergency. One critical way to achieve this is to have pediatricians and local and state public health professionals collaborate on planning for an emergency so as to ensure that children's needs are met.

CDC's [Children's Preparedness Unit](#) (CPU) and [Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response](#), in collaboration with the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) (AAP), recently held CDC's first ever public health and pediatric virtual tabletop exercise. A tabletop exercise uses a made-up public health emergency scenario that helps professionals gain experience by "role playing" through an emergency response. In the case of this pediatric tabletop exercise, public health officials and pediatricians from AAP chapters in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska worked through a smallpox outbreak scenario affecting children. Using web-based technology to connect participants, the exercise was facilitated from CDC headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, and teams from each state participated remotely. Throughout the exercise, the teams evaluated how their state's emergency plans and procedures worked during the scenario, how the teams responded, and what changes were needed to ensure the safety and health of children.

"This exercise represented an important opportunity for the public health and pediatric communities to share their unique perspectives and experiences," says Dr. Georgina Peacock, CPU's founder and the Director of the Division of Human Development and Disability at CDC. "By working together to respond to a simulated but realistic emergency, participants were able to see firsthand how working together across diverse areas of expertise can save children's lives."

CDC hopes to help more states carry out similar virtual preparedness exercises so they can better protect children during emergencies. In addition, CDC plans to develop a user-friendly exercise toolkit specifically for the needs of children. This toolkit will be available as a virtual package to rural communities and other jurisdictions to expand preparedness planning opportunities in these communities.

Funding Opportunities

Kent Richard Hoffman Foundation Grant - Deadline September 1



The Kent Richard Hoffman Foundation provides grants to community-based organizations in support of care and direct services, education, and research for HIV/AIDS, with a focus on smaller and rural communities. Grants are made to support developing or established programs, with an emphasis on direct benefit to clients or target audiences. Previous requests receiving serious consideration have included:

- Request from locations with a scarcity of available funding;
- Requests for seed money for new projects, programs, or structures;
- Innovative ideas for meeting standard needs.

The first step in the grant application process is to complete a letter of inquiry. Letters of inquiry (LOI) are reviewed on a rolling basis, but those who wish to be considered for the next grant cycle must submit their LOI by September 1. The Hoffman Foundation will review all inquiries and provide an emailed response with an invitation to submit a full grant application, a request for further information, or a denial. Applicants who receive a favorable response to their LOI will be able to access the full application to submit a grant proposal. For those invited to apply, applications will be due September 22. Contact Eliza McAllister by [e-mail](#) or at 917-573-0486 with questions. Additional information is available [online](#).



Kansas Health Foundation - Impact and Capacity Grants Initiative

The Kansas Health Foundation is now receiving proposals for the Impact and Capacity Grants Initiative. This funding opportunity replaces the previously existing Recognition Grant Program and is designed to make funds available to a range of mission-aligned organizations actively working to reduce health disparities and promote health equity. The Impact and Capacity Grants Initiative is focused on two categories - impact grants which work in key health impact areas or capacity-building grants to build nonprofit capacity to address health disparities. This is an open application process with applications accepted through September 15, 2017, or until all 2017 funds are awarded.

All prospective applicants should carefully review the mission and strategic focus of Kansas Health Foundation (KHF), as well as the funding criteria before applying; this information is available in the [request for proposals](#) (RFP). All funding proposals are required to align with the mission of KHF, such as work supporting KHF's five impact areas of:

- Increasing access to health care
- Decreasing tobacco use
- Increasing physical activity
- Increasing healthy food access
- Improving civic health

As it relates to proposals for the impact grants, preference is given to proposals describing a health policy, systems or environmental-focused effort which demonstrates the opportunity to address health disparities in one or more of KHF's five impact areas which adversely affect groups of people who have systematically experienced greater obstacles to health. Available funding is designated to support new efforts and may not be used for long-term, ongoing or recurring programmatic efforts.

For the capacity building grants, preference will be given to proposals for non-recurring internal capacity building needs for organizations addressing health disparities which adversely affect groups of people who have systematically experienced greater obstacles to health based on characteristics historically linked to discrimination or exclusion. This track is open to all mission-aligned organizations actively working to reduce health disparities and promote health equity and is not limited to KHF's five impact areas.

The maximum grant size is \$25,000, and the maximum grant term is two years. In order to be eligible, 50 percent or more of the organization's target population must reside in Kansas. Please note that only one proposal from each organization will be accepted per year. Further information on the funding opportunity, including funding exclusions and criteria for consideration are outlined in the [RFP](#). Additional information about the funding opportunity, including the instructions, templates and the RFP is available [online](#). Please submit any questions regarding the Impact and Capacity Grants Initiative RFP via e-mail, with the subject "Impact and Capacity Grants Question," to Blair Weibert, Program Assistant, at bweibert@khf.org.

Training and Conference Announcements

Webinar - Best Practices to Increase Maternal Immunization - August 7



The National Association of County & City Health Officers (NACCHO) and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) are presenting a webinar, *Best Practices to Improve Maternal Immunization* on Monday, August 7, 11:00 a.m. This free webinar will focus on the importance of maternal immunizations. This webinar will provide updates on current recommendations and the future of maternal immunizations, discuss practical tips to incorporate immunizations into your practice, and identify and locate resources for providers and patients regarding immunizations. Continuing Medical Education credit is provided through joint providership with The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Additional information, including how to register, is available [here](#).

2017 Kansas Environmental Conference - August 9-10



Registration is now open for the 2017 Kansas Environmental Conference. The conference will be held at the Capital Plaza and Manor Conference Center in Topeka. The conference will feature Brigadier General W. Chris King as a keynote speaker. The conference will also include sessions on topics such as VW settlement, nanoparticles, environmental impacts of wind development, green schools, online tools and many other environmental topics. Register [online](#). Contact kdhe.ksenvironmentalconf@ks.gov or 785-296-1526 with questions.

2017 Schedule Meetings and Conferences Impacting Local Public Health Agencies

[Click Here](#) to Access the Calendar

Webinar Series - Ethics in the Digital Age: A Guide for Behavioral and Other Health Professionals - August 9 - 10



Technology has become integral to almost every area of our life and can be used to improve productivity, communication, and efficiency in our day-to-day and professional lives. However, guidelines for appropriate use by healthcare professionals is essential. Maintaining privacy and confidentiality are integral to the patient-health care professional relationship, since preserving patient trust is essential for competent clinical care.

The Kansas University Medical Center Area Health Education Center is hosting two-part webinar designed to highlight the pros and cons of various technologies including e-mail, texting, electronic medical records, and social media in the framework of professional and personal boundaries. Attendees will be guided in identifying risk management strategies and professional social media policies. This two-part webinar will be held on August 9 & 10, at 12 - 1:30 p.m. each day. The cost to participate in this webinar is \$30 per person, if registered by noon, August 7; thereafter, the cost is \$40. Register [online](#), by [e-mail](#), or via phone at 620-235-4040. Additional information about the course can be found [online](#) and within the [flyer](#).

Pediatric Feeding Workshop - August 9-11



WICHITA STATE
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If you are interested in learning more about using a multidisciplinary approach to assessment and treatment of pediatric feeding disorders, consider attending the Pediatric Feeding Workshop at the Wichita State University's Marcus Welcome Center on August 9-11. Attendees will hear evidence-based, clinically applicable solutions from respected instructors and health care professionals that are highly experienced in pediatric feeding disorders. Participants will learn how to diagnose and treat pediatric feeding problems to ensure successful results. The conference is designed for nurses, occupational therapists, speech therapists, social workers, dietitians, psychologists and students. More information, including registration information, will be made available soon on the Wichita State University [website](#).

Webinar - Hospital Investment and Interaction In Public Health Systems - August 10

Systems for Action

Systems and Services Research to Build a Culture of Health

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Systems for Action National Program will host a webinar on community strategies to increase hospitals' involvement in public health systems by examining hospital investments and interactions with other public health organizations in their community. The webinar is a part of the Systems for Action's Research-in-Progress Webinar Series; the series allows investigators whose awards are in-progress or completed to share their work and disseminate findings more rapidly. Each webinar includes progress on the research project and findings to date, next steps in the project and how to contact the researchers, and time for questions and discussion.

This webinar will be held on August 10, 11 a.m., and will allow investigators to introduce their translation tool that will enable communities to use an interactive registry of indicator and outcome measures to design their hospital-public health integration strategies. Additional information about this webinar is available [online](#), including a publication and [previous presentations](#). Register for this webinar [online](#).

Webinar - Meeting the Health Needs of Rural Elderly: Making Use of Interactive Data Resources to Improve Health - August 14



Rural America is receiving renewed attention due to the great health disparities found therein, but often those who fund programs and create policy do not know where or how to access the wealth of data already available. The NORC Walsh Center for Rural Health Analysis is a leader in documenting and highlighting rural disparities in health status and access to treatment services. The Center will host a webinar on August 14, 1-2 p.m. The Center's staff will introduce participants to important data resources, highlighting key rural aging data. The presentation will include a demonstration of the interactive Exploring Rural and Urban Mortality Differences tool, which includes mortality data for the ten leading causes of death by rurality and age group, for each of the ten Department of Health and Human Services regions, as well as the Appalachian and Delta regions. The webinar will link participants to useful data and implementation resources, and demonstrate how these resources can be used within their regions and localities to demonstrate need and target interventions. Register for the webinar [online](#).

Webinar - Back to School Resources - August 15



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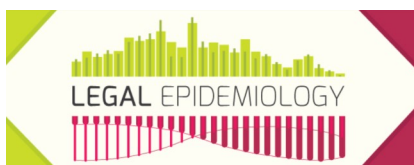
Please join the Kansas Office of Primary Care and Rural Health for the latest webinar in the Navigating Rural Health Resources series. Through this series, the Office strives to highlight state and federal programs relevant to rural Kansas in hopes to connect local providers and communities to useful resources and tools. This 'Back to School' webinar will highlight resources about Safe Kids Kansas, Healthy Kansas Schools, and Transportation Alternatives and Safe Routes to School. The webinar will be held on August 15, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. [Register online](#) for the webinar. Attendees will call in to the webinar with the following information phone number: 1-866-620-7326; access code: 3507503156. For additional information, please contact kdhe.ruralhealth@ks.gov.

MPHTC Diabetes Training and Resources



Midwestern Public Health Training Center

The Midwestern Public Health Training Center (MPHTC) has resources for the public health workforce on [prevention and management of Diabetes](#). Included in the list of learning webinars are, How to Avoid Lost Opportunity, Engaging Patients in Diabetes Self-Management Through Health Coaching, and The Role of Community Health Workers in Collaboration with Public Health Nurses.



Webinar Series: An Introduction to Legal Epidemiology - August 16

The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) is hosting a webinar series focused on an introduction to legal epidemiology. The recording of the first webinar is now available online. The first webinar featured speakers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Law Program; they defined and characterized legal epidemiology and described how it can be used as a tool when advancing from data to policy. On August 16, 12 - 1:30 p.m., the third webinar will

offer a primer on the Health in All Policies (HiAP) approach as a strategy for addressing complex factors that influence health and equity. Speakers will also demonstrate how legal epidemiology can be used as a tool in tracking the growth of HiAP laws, policies and programs across the country and identify current trends in HiAP implementation. View the recording of the first webinar [here](#). More information about the webinar series is available [here](#); registration for the third webinar will be made available on the website soon.

Grants 101 Workshop - August 22



The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health (OMH) and the Kansas City Quality Improvement Consortium, is hosting the Grants 101 Workshop. The workshop will be held at the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center in Kansas City, Missouri, on August 22, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The workshop topics will include:

- Grants 101: The Federal Grant Application Process
- Federal Funding Opportunities
- Technical Assistance and Resources
- Engaging and Collaborating with Foundations
- Common Mistakes and Important Tips

Register for the workshop [online](#). For more information about this event, contact Richard Overcast at 816-426-5227 or at ROvercast@hrsa.gov.

Webinar - Getting kids to 60: Comprehensive School Physical Activity Program - August 22



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is hosting a webinar on August 22, 1 p.m., on the Comprehensive School Physical Activity Program. This program is a multi-component evidence-based approach by which school districts use all opportunities for students to be physically active, meet the nationally-

recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day, and develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to be physically active for a lifetime. These programs are associated with increased student physical activity and have positive effects on obesity prevention. The CDC encourages public health professionals, educators, school administrators and others with a special interest in comprehensive school physical activity programs to join this informative one-hour Web Forum. To learn more, visit CDC's Comprehensive School Physical Activity Program and the HI-5 initiative. Register for the webinar [online](#).

Vision, Design and Capacity Grant Writing Workshop - Improving the Skills of Technical Writers - August 23 - 25



The Health Resources and Services Administration, (HRSA), in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health (OMH), is hosting a 2 ½ day free hands-on grant writing workshop in Kansas City, Missouri, at the Richard Bolling Federal Building. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 9:00 a.m. - Friday, August 25, 12 p.m. Participants are sequentially engaged through lectures and interactive exercises, over 2 ½ days. Attendees will review principles of technical writing, practice strategies to relay information in grant applications, and share the tips and standards Grant Reviewers use as they screen applications going to the Funder. Workshop participants will be use interactive exercises and practices to learn about logic models, components of a grant, evaluation methods, SMART objectives, work plans, and more.

Space is limited for the workshop; participants are encouraged to register. Those who can guarantee their ability to attend the entire workshop, without interruptions, will be given preference. Registration is available [online](#). For more information, contact Richard Overcast at 816-426-5227 or at ROvercast@hrsa.gov.

Rural Health Grants Webinar Series - Understanding the How, the Where, the Resources



The Health Resources and Services Administration, Office of Regional Operations - Kansas City, invites you to a Rural Health Grants Webinar Series: Understanding the How, the Where, the Resources. The goal of this free webinar series is to educate potential applications about HRSA programs and resources, the federal grant application process, federal and state funding opportunities, as well as important tips, resources, and training opportunities to drive a successful grant application. The series will include the following webinars:

- Vision, Design and Capacity Grant Writing Trainings -- Monday, August 28, 10 - 11 a.m.
- Creating a Competitive Proposal - September 19, 9:30 -- 11 a.m.

To register for any of these sessions click [here](#). If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Richard Overcast at 816-426-5227 or ROvercast@hrsa.gov.

Professional Development Training Opportunities - Local Public Health Leadership Series & Public Health Fellowship Training



WICHITA STATE
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Center for Public Health Initiatives

Wichita State University Community Engagement Institute's Center for Public Health Initiatives is offering two exciting professional development opportunities within the next year. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD) are offering a leadership development opportunity for all local and state public health professionals through the Local Public Health Leadership Series (KS-TRAIN Course ID# 1045444). The Local Public Health Leadership Series will develop core knowledge and skills related to identifying and responding to adaptive challenges. The focus will be on development of leadership competencies identified by the Kansas Leadership Center. The Kansas Public Health Training Fellowship (KS-TRAIN Course ID#1072266) is an eight-month training fellowship offered in partnership with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for up to 20 participants to enhance leadership skills critical for effective public health planning and practice. In order to better decide which opportunity best fits your needs, please review the information below.

Local Public Health Leadership Series

Purpose: Learn and practice a framework for leadership to more effectively mobilize others.

When:

- September 26-27, Wichita - Live Training
- October 23-24, Wichita - Live Training
- November 14-15, Wichita - Live Training
- December 11-12, Wichita - Live Training
- 1-hour coaching sessions in November, December, & January - Phone

Time Commitment:

- Attend all live meetings.
- Homework - about a total of 8 hours outside of the classroom.
- One on one coaching - about 3 hours outside of the classroom
- Participants will receive a certificate of program completion for 40 hours.

Cost:

All expenses paid - hotel, food and materials for all sessions. Each participant who travels more than 30 miles to training will receive a travel reimbursement of \$50 each trip (total 4).

Who can participate?

For ALL local and state public health professionals who have an interest in expanding the leadership skills necessary to make progress on complex, deeply rooted challenges faced by organizations and communities.

How do I apply?

Click [here](#) to apply for the Local Public Health Leadership Series or email CPHI@wichita.edu for the link to this program's online application. Deadline to apply is August 25.

Public Health Fellowship Training

Purpose: Increase understanding of the public health system in Kansas and make progress on improving your practice.

When:

- September 8 - Webinar
- October 4-5, Topeka - Live Training
- November TBD - Evidence-Based Public Health Course, Topeka - Live Training
- December 8, January 12, February 9, & March 9 - Webinars at 9 a.m.
- April 3-5, Governor's Public Health Conference, Wichita - Live Training

Time Commitment:

- Attend all live meetings.
- Homework - about a total of 12 hours outside of the classroom. Participants will be identifying a challenge, experiment to make an improvement and report on results through a poster presentation.

Cost:

Most expenses paid - hotel, meals, and a travel stipend for October training and Governor's Public Health Conference in April. Potential costs could include travel and related expenses for lodging and meals for the Evidence-Based Public Health Course in November.

Who can participate?

Clinical and non-clinical staff in any position who have an interest in expanding their understanding of the public health system and how to help your organization meet its mission.

How do I apply?

Click [here](#) to apply for the Public Health Training Fellowship or email CPHI@wichita.edu for the link to this program's online application. Deadline to apply is August 11.

If you have questions regarding these two opportunities, please contact Kristina Helmer at kristina.helmer@wichita.edu.

Continuing Education Courses Available for Public Health Professionals Via Kansas TRAIN

ELEARN: VACCINE ADMINISTRATION - WB2502, Course ID# 1071869: Appropriate vaccine administration is a critical component of a successful immunization program. Vaccine administration errors are potentially dangerous occurrences that many immunization providers miss. This training addresses knowledge gaps in proper vaccine administration. It highlights common mistakes and is designed to train providers to avoid administration errors by applying the "Rights of Medication Administration" to each encounter when vaccines are administered. CHES, CNE, CME and pharmacy credit is available.

GENERAL BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR IMMUNIZATION - WB2900, Course ID# 1071871: The General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization publication updates and replaces the General Recommendations on Immunization: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) which was last published in 2011. The field of immunization is marked by constant change, including licensing of new vaccines, new vaccination recommendations, and new findings about how vaccines work and their adverse events. General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization provides clinicians and other health care providers with ACIP's best practices guidance on immunization. CHES, CNE, CME and pharmacy credit is available.

AIDS Clinical Conference: Biomedical Prevention for HIV Control: From Research to Reality, Course ID# 1071841: Efforts to control HIV/AIDS now depend almost entirely on biomedical interventions to reduce infectiousness through antiretroviral drugs and to prevent acquisition among uninfected individuals via a number of interventions like PrEP. These interventions will be reviewed in the context of implementation, both successes and limitations. CNE Contact hours is offered.

Asthma Care for Health Professionals: Asthma Case Management, Course ID# 1067742: This 60-minute presentation for healthcare professionals defines case management and care coordination. Asthma is a complex disease that involves medical management requiring medication adherence, regulating the environment to minimize trigger exposure and psychosocial factors. Care becomes complicated when patients with asthma and their families' lack access to health care providers and resources. The presentation will discuss elements of a health system care coordination model as well as identifying asthma patients who will benefit from coordinated care. CNE and SW credit is provided.

Using Countermarketing to Address Tobacco, Alcohol and Unhealthy Food: What Roles Do Local Health Departments Play?, Course ID # 1070528: This self-paced, interactive module prepares public health professionals working in state and local health departments to develop or support the use of countermarketing strategies to reduce demand for tobacco, alcohol and processed foods high in sugar, salt and unhealthy fats. The session begins with a discussion of countermarketing as a public health strategy for reducing the use of tobacco, alcohol, and unhealthy food. Next, learners will explore the elements of countermarketing campaigns, and look at two health departments that have used them successfully. Finally, learners will apply these strategies to think through a hypothetical countermarketing campaign, and plan how you might use them in your own work. CHES and CPHCE credit is offered.

Introduction to Strategic Planning, Course ID# 1041967: This module provides an introduction to strategic planning. It includes an overview of terminology, a background about the benefits and uses of strategic planning, and a description of a methodology for conducting planning in simple contexts. It concludes with examples of strategic plans from public health and other agencies. CHES credit is available.

Evaluating Fat Diet Practices, Course ID# 1070818: A Fad Diet Screening Tool is presented in this training to help you learn more about identifying and responding to people who may be following unhealthy "fad diets." Additional useful links and resources are also provided. CHES credit is available.

Recognizing Infection Risks in Medical Equipment, Course ID# 1071599: This learning activity is intended for primary care physicians, public health and preventive medicine specialists, emergency medicine physicians and nurses. This course was developed to raise awareness among healthcare providers about the risks of infection associated with the use and maintenance of medical equipment and devices. CNE and CME Credit are provided.

Child Development Resilience and the Environment (Web on Demand) - WD2821, Course ID# 1071664: This online module will equip physicians and other clinicians with knowledge needed to provide patient consultation on Child Development. CNE and CME Credit is offered.

Physical Activity and Obesity: How to Get Your Patient Moving, Course ID# 1061175: Do you know how to set your patient up for success? Physical activity is more than just "exercise." Physical activity can be intimidating in the best of circumstances but as health care providers we can help our patients embrace the athlete inside. Successful intervention requires a true understanding of U.S. Physical Activity Guidelines and access to quick tools improve your approach in every encounter. Our discussion will help expand your idea of physical activity and obesity treatment, help you understand where to start with each patient and/or when to refer, and how to create and monitor individualized physical activity prescriptions. CHES, CNE and CPE Credit is available.

Kansas TRAIN

Coming September 28, 2017
Kansas TRAIN 3.0

New URL: <http://www.train.org/ks/>
To Learn More [Click Here!](#)

Core Curriculum on Chronic Pain Now Available on KS-TRAIN



The Public Health Foundation has recently posted a great core curriculum of courses on treating chronic pain from the Providers' Clinical Support System (PCSS-O) on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>. You can find all 13 courses [here](#). Below is some additional background information about these courses from PCSS-O. PCSS-O clinical experts, led by Roger Chou, MD, FACP and Melissa B. Weimer, DO, MCR, who have extensive knowledge in treating chronic pain, have developed a [comprehensive core curriculum](#) for primary care providers who want to have in-depth knowledge in treating chronic pain. The modules that make up the curriculum give up-to-date and evidence-based information on best opioid prescribing practices.

These courses provide clinicians with a solid base for treating chronic pain. The curriculum was created in an effort to consolidate the vast amount of information available to clinicians into a course that provides information, resources, and knowledge clinicians need to treat their patients who suffer from chronic pain, including non-pharmacological treatments. The result is the most comprehensive and up-to-date curriculum developed thus far for the treatment of chronic pain.

Participants will receive a certificate of completion following each completed module and a final certificate when all modules have been completed. Each module, except the Overview module, is designated for 1 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*. Funding for this initiative was made possible, in part, by grant no. 5H79TI025595-03 from SAMHSA. The views expressed in written conference materials or publications and by speakers and moderators do not necessarily reflect the official policies of the Department of Health and Human Services; nor does mention of trade names, commercial practices, or organizations imply endorsement by the U.S. Government.

Updated Interim Guidance for Laboratory Testing of Pregnant Women with Exposure to Areas with Risk for Zika Virus Transmission

by CDC



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its interim guidance to incorporate what has been learned over the past year and reduce misinterpretation of Zika virus test results for pregnant women. Overall, the number of people with Zika virus infection in the Americas is declining. Testing people when there is a lower occurrence of disease could lead to a higher proportion of false-positive test results. Additionally, emerging data show that Zika virus antibodies can persist for months in some pregnant women. Because of this, antibody test results may not be able to tell healthcare providers if Zika virus infection occurred during or before pregnancy, and results may not provide useful information about whether the pregnancy is at risk of Zika infection.

The new guidance is as follows:

- *Pregnant women with recent exposure to Zika virus during current pregnancy and have symptoms of Zika virus disease (fever, rash, conjunctivitis, and arthralgia)* - The new recommendations are to test serum and urine with the Zika virus nucleic acid test (NAT) AND serum with the Zika virus IgM serology test concurrently as soon as possible through 12 weeks after symptom onset.
- *Pregnant women with ongoing exposure to Zika virus (live in or frequent travel to an area with the risk of Zika) but without Zika symptoms* - The new recommendations are to test for Zika virus with the nucleic acid test (NAT) at the first prenatal care visit and two additional Zika NAT tests at two subsequent routine prenatal care visits. There is no longer a recommendation to test for Zika virus IgM.
- *Asymptomatic pregnant women with recent possible Zika virus exposure (i.e., through travel or sex) but without ongoing possible exposure* - Zika virus testing is not routinely recommended and will not be performed at the Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories. However, providers and patients should work together to make decisions about testing and care plans based on patient preferences and clinical judgement. Factors when considering whether to test privately should include duration and type of travel, as well as:
 - Use of regular protection measures during sex
 - Timing of pregnancy
 - How intensely Zika is being spread by mosquitoes in the location of travel
- *Pregnant women who have recent possible Zika virus exposure and who have a fetus with prenatal ultrasound findings consistent with congenital Zika virus syndrome* - The recommendation is to test for Zika virus to assist in establishing the etiology of birth defects. Both the Zika virus NAT test and the Zika virus IgM test are recommended.

If you have any questions or concerns about the updated guidance, please call the KDHE Epidemiology Hotline at 1-877-427-7317.

Rural Health Information Hub Makes CDC MMWR Rural Health Series Webinars Available



The Rural Health Information (RHI) Hub has made available a series of webinars highlighting recent studies featured in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) Rural Health Series and rural programs funded by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP). The [first webinar](#) focuses on rural mortality rates and reducing potentially preventable deaths. The webinar also features a program funded by the FORHP to share best practices and successes in their endeavor to reduce obesity, one of the major risk factors contributing to a number of the leading causes of death as cited by CDC. The [second webinar](#) focuses on the mental and behavioral health needs of rural children.

News and Resources

More than a third of teenage girls experience depression, new study says



A large [new study](#) out this week contains some alarming data about the state of children's mental health in the United States, finding that depression in many children appears to start as early as age 11. By the time they hit age 17, the analysis found, 13.6 percent of boys and a staggering 36.1 percent of girls have been or are depressed.

A New Definition Of Health Equity To Guide Future Efforts And Measure Progress



The University of California, San Francisco, joined the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation staff in the exploration of health equity a year, or so ago. That joint work culminated in a report [What Is Health Equity? And What Difference Does a Definition Make?](#), released in May. After months of research, reflection, and consultation with some of the nation's leaders in health disparities and health equity research and policy, landed on the following [definition](#): Health equity means that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible. This requires removing obstacles to health such as poverty, discrimination, and their consequences, including powerlessness and lack of access to good jobs with fair pay, quality education and housing, safe environments, and health care. And, to ensure accountability, the following statement was added: For the purposes of measurement, health equity means reducing and ultimately eliminating disparities in health and its determinants that adversely affect excluded or marginalized groups. This definition allows us to assess whether we are reducing inequitable gaps rather than other kinds of gaps in health. That's an important distinction. Even without malicious intent, health equity efforts can be hijacked, with resources diverted to issues that may be legitimate public health or medical concerns, but are not explicitly about health equity.

What's the Difference Between a Health Impact Assessment, a Community Health Assessment, and a Community Health Needs Assessment?



Build Healthy
Places Network

Confused by acronym soup? Experts from the Georgia Health Policy Center (GPHC) dispel confusion and explain the differences between HIAs, CHNAs and CHAs and how you can use these tools to boost your work in the community. While these assessments share the objective of improving community health, they differ in regards to their scope, intended use, and stakeholders involved. For further explanation of the differences, visit this Build Health Places Network [blog post](#).

The Changing Landscape of Public Health Nursing 1950 – 2015



Part Three of the Online Journal of Issues in Nursing's series on public health nursing (PHN) history chronicles evolving definitions from 1950 to 2015 and reflects the changing landscape of practice. In the mid-20th century, PHN shifted toward "community health" by emphasizing connection with individuals and families in the community; collaboration with agencies and professionals; and focus on health teaching. Since 1950 there were many shifts, and we begin by discussing nursing practice in the community from 1950 to 1975. We follow this by considering practice and synthesis of nursing in public health from 1975 to 2000, and then concepts such as health promotion, disease prevention, population health and PHN workforce from 2000 to 2015. Growing interest in public health, in the throes of uncertain healthcare reforms, provides an imperative for re-claiming public health roles to promote and protect the health of populations; to join with public and private partners; to utilize public health competencies and science; and to co-create a base of influence and power for social change and progress. Read more about the changing landscape [online](#).

Calls to Poison Center About Supplements Up 50 Percent, Especially Among Kids



From 2005 to 2012, the rate of calls to poison control centers about dietary supplements [increased by almost 50 percent](#), and most of the exposures were in children younger than six years old, according to a study published Monday in the Journal of Medical Toxicology. The study defines dietary supplements as any product that supplements the diet, including vitamins, minerals, herbs, botanicals, homeopathic agents and amino acids, and concentrates, metabolites, constituents and extracts of these ingredients. The researchers used data from the National Poison Data System, to which poison control centers submit their call information. From 2000 to 2012, there were 274,998 dietary supplement exposures reported to poison control centers across the U.S., one call every 24 minutes, on average.

Home Visiting Helps Children and Families Thrive



National Home Visiting
Resource Center

Studies show that home visiting programs yield up to \$5.70 return for every \$1 invested. The *2017 Home Visiting Yearbook* compiles key data on early childhood home visiting and fact sheets for every state, showing how many and what types of families benefit. View the National Home Visiting Resource Center [website](#) for more information on home visiting programs across the country and the impact of the programs within each state.

More Millennials are Having Strokes

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN

A growing body of research indicates strokes among U.S. millennials - ages 18 to 34 - have soared in recent years. An analysis by [Scientific American](#) has revealed significant differences in where these strokes are occurring, depending both on region and whether people live in rural or urban settings.

The investigation, which used data from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), was reviewed by five stroke experts and found that the West and Midwest have seen especially worrisome increases among younger adults. Moreover, large cities appear to have seen bigger increases than rural areas. The analysis employed hospital discharge data from 2003 to 2012 from the AHRQ's Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) database. In a study published earlier this year in JAMA Neurology, researchers at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention concluded that in a nine-year span from 2003 to 2012 there was a 32 percent spike in strokes among 18- to 34-year-old women and a 15 percent increase for men in the same range. Scientific American's analysis sought to dig deeper into the data by exploring whether the stroke trend differed by location.

Implementation Using a Settings Approach



A [settings approach](#) is important for public health professionals who are designing and delivering a public health intervention. Knowledge of the local realities can enhance successful implementation of an intervention and circumvent barriers that may impede the implementation of projects. An updated paper published in the National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools, uses the example of a school setting to illustrate the framework.

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Geary County Health Department

- [Dietician Temp](#)
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Riley County Health Department

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- [Community Health Liaison](#)

Saline County Health Department

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- [Community Liaison Coordinator](#)
- [Customer Service Representative](#)

Sumner County Health Department

- [Registered Nurse I II III \(Part Time\)](#)



Career opportunities at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment can be found [here](#).

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